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AIRLINE PASSENGER TRAFFIC UP 14% IN SEPTEMBER

WASHINGTON, D.C., October 16 -- Airline passenger traffic rose 14.0 percent in September, compared with the same month last year, and was up 8.9 percent for the first nine months of the year, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic passenger traffic in September increased 20.0 percent. Available seat miles had a gain of 12.7 percent. The load factor was 56.8 percent, up from 53.4 percent in September of 1985.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines in September declined 3.8 percent. The available seat miles were down 0.1 percent. The load factor was 61.5 percent, a drop from 63.8 percent in the same month a year ago.

During the first nine months of the year, domestic passenger traffic was up 12.2 percent. Available seat miles increased by 12.8 percent. The load factor was 61.9 percent, down slightly from the 62.3 percent for the same months of last year.

International passenger traffic of U.S. airlines from January through September declined 3.3 percent. Available seat miles were up 8.1 percent. The load factor was 59.5 percent, falling from 66.5 percent for the first nine months of 1986.

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PRELIMINARY PASSENGER TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY

SEPTEMBER 1986 - 1985

		SEPTEMBER			YEAR TO DATE		
	YEAR	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)	RPM'S (000)	ASM'S (000)	LOAD FACTOR (%)
DOMESTIC	86	21,137,994	37,205,458	56.8	205,154,925	331,212,909	61.9
	85	17,621,871	33,006,051	53.4	182,928,800	293,557,346	62.3
PERCENT CHANGE		20.0	12.7		12.2	12.8	
INTERNATIONAL	86	5,629,943	9,159,488	61.5	46,990,231	79,009,487	59.5
	85	5,853,404	9,172,898	63.8	48,594,250	73,101,512	66.5
PERCENT CHANGE		(3.8)	(0.1)		(3.3)	8.1	
TOTAL	86	26,767,937	46,364,946	57.7	252,145,156	410,222,396	61.5
	85	23,475,275	42,178,949	55.7	231,523,050	366,658,858	63.1
PERCENT CHANGE		14.0	9.9		8.9	11.9	

CARRIERS INCLUDED: AMERICAN, CONTINENTAL, DELTA, EASTERN, NORTHWEST, PAN AM, PIEDMONT, REPUBLIC, TRANS WORLD, UNITED, USAIR, WESTERN, AIRCAL, ALASKA, ALOHA, BRANIFF, HAWAIIAN, MIDWAY, OZARK AND PSA. FRONTIER INCLUDED FOR JAN-JUL 1986/1985.